

**CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2002

8:30 – 4:30 pm

**Chase Palm Park Center
Santa Barbara, CA**

Present:

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Member Mark Helvey
Alternate Christina Fahy

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Member Tim Setnicka
Alternate Gary Davis

US COAST GUARD

Alternate Troy Rentz

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Member Drew Mayerson

US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Member Alex Stone
Alternate Walter Schobel

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Alternate LT. Jorge Gross

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

Member Rebecca Roth

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Member Dianne Meester
Alternate Jackie Campbell

COUNTY OF VENTURA

Member Lyn Krieger

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

TOURISM

Member Jeanette Webber

RECREATION

Member Jim Brye

BUSINESS

Member Michael Hanrahan
Alternate Don Dusette

CONSERVATION

Member Linda Krop
Alternate Greg Helms

FISHING

Member Harry Liqournik
Alternate2 Chris Miller

EDUCATION

Member Larry Manson
Alternate Kathy deWet-Oleson

RESEARCH

Member Dr. Robert Warner
Alternate Dr. Dan Brumbaugh

PUBLIC AT-LARGE

Member Jon Clark
Alternate Richard Holt

PUBLIC AT-LARGE

Member Robert Duncan
Alternate Avie Guerra

PUBLIC AT-LARGE

Member Dr. Matthew Cahn

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

LCDR Matthew Pickett, Manager

Absent:

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

US COAST GUARD

Member Lt. Yuri Graves

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Alternate Fred Piltz, Ph.D.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Member Patricia Wolf

CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY

Member Brian Baird
Alternate Melissa Miller- Henson

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

Alternate Gary Timm

COUNTY OF VENTURA

Alternate Jack Peveler

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

TOURISM

Alternate Alex Brodie

RECREATION

Alternate Bill Kendig

FISHING

Alternate1 Eric Hooper

PUBLIC AT-LARGE

Alternate Roberta Cordero

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

William Douros, Superintendent

Alternate: Sean Morton

GULF OF THE FARALLONE & CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES

Ed Ueber, Manager

Attendance:

At roll call, 16 of the 20 voting seats were represented, with an additional 3 voting seats added later. There were a total of 31 SAC representatives in attendance for the day (17 members, 13 alternates, 1 non-voting). Public attendance averaged about 40 individuals.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAC Chair Dianne Meester opened the meeting by welcoming all. Dianne explained that the purpose of the meeting today was to set an annual work plan for the SAC. She explained that the SAC was previously going to do this in November at a retreat, but that event was cancelled. Dianne encouraged everyone to actively participate in the day's discussions.

New SAC Representatives

The following new SAC representatives introduced themselves to the Council and public:

Business Seat Member: **Michael Hanrahan**. President of The Ocean Channel; Captain with Island Packers; seven year Santa Barbara resident and frequent Channel Islands visitor.

Business Seat Alternate: **Don Dusette**. President of Channel Islands Pipeline, Inc. (a general engineering contractor), Channel Islands boater/visitor since age 12, former commercial abalone diver at Channel Islands, former ticket boat mate, avid recreational fisherman, diver, Staff Commodore at Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club.

Fishing Seat Member: **Harry Liquornik**. President, Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, Inc.; life-time Santa Barbara resident; 16-year commercial diver at Channel Islands; 14-year commercial salmon fisherman in Alaska.

Fishing Seat Second Alternate: **Chris Miller**. California Lobster & Trap Fishermen's Association, President, Santa Barbara Trappers Association; former SAC Marine Reserves Working Group member.

Research Seat Alternate: **Dan Brumbaugh, Ph.D.** Marine Program Manager, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History; Visiting Scientist, NOAA MPA Science Center, Santa Cruz.

Public At-large Alternate: **Richard Holt**. Former Senior Management, NASA; Physicist, oceanographer and aerospace technologist by training; experienced Channel Islands diver; frequent marine science lecturer on cruise ships.

Public At-large Alternate: **Avie Guerra**. Former educator at CSU Northridge and representative of non-profit youth and health services group, El Concilio, Oxnard.

SAC Chair Dianne Meester also announced that the following Council representatives had been reappointed for a second term:

Public At-Large Member: **Matthew Cahn, Ph.D.**

Public At-Large Member: **Robert Duncan**

Recreation Seat Member: **Jim Brye**

Conservation Seat Member: **Linda Krop**

Meeting Minutes

The Council unanimously approved the October 18, 2001 SAC meeting minutes, which will be revised to reflect final edits submitted at the meeting and then posted on the Sanctuary's web site at: www.cinms.nos.noaa.gov/sacmin.html.

Sanctuary Manager's Report.

On a personal note, Sanctuary Manager Matt Pickett first announced that Jayden Francis was born on Dec. 23, at 8 lbs 10 oz. Everyone's healthy and happy. Jayden is the son of Laura Francis, CINMS Education Coordinator.

Matt explained that the Manager's Report had been sent out to the Council in advance of the meeting in a continuing attempt to help streamline the meeting. He informed the public that copies of the report were available in the meeting room. He asked the Council if they had any questions about the report. Lyn Krieger thanked Matt for distributing the report ahead of time, and said that it was good.

2. PRESENTATION: The Role and Accomplishments of the SAC

Mike Murray, Advisory Council Coordinator, began by explaining that the purpose of the presentation was to help set the stage for planning the SAC's future. Mike said that the intent

was to now remind us all what it is the SAC is supposed to do, and highlight first-term activities of the Council.

Mike then used a power-point presentation, and talked through the following slides:

SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL: ROLE AND FIRST TERM HIGHLIGHTS

PURPOSE/GOALS of the SAC

Provide the Sanctuary Manager with advice on:

- Protecting natural and cultural resources, and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving Sanctuary use or resources;
- Identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives;
- Identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment; and
- Assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

Roles and Activities of an Advisory Council

1. Liaison between Sanctuary and community
 - Disseminate information to constituencies
 - Bring constituent and public concerns to sanctuary
 - Mechanisms:
 - Members meet or correspond with constituents
 - Host public meetings; town hall meetings
2. Help identify and resolve issues and conflicts
 - Bring emerging and potential issues to the attention of the sanctuary
 - Help determine if Sanctuary has a role to play in addressing an issue, and the relative priority of the issue
 - Provide a public forum to air perspectives on issues and work toward conflict resolution
 - Explore issues through staff or guest presentations, Council discussions, tasking subcommittees or working groups, preparing white papers or other documents, etc.
3. Identify and enhance Sanctuary partnerships
 - Help develop working relationships and partnerships with key agencies, organizations & individuals
4. Review and provide input on sanctuary plans, proposals and products
 - Drafting, reviewing, endorsing
 - Providing individual, sub-group, SAC or outside party input
5. Help support non-profit “friends” organizations
6. Provide technical expertise and information, and help validate accuracy and quality of information to be used

How SACs Get Things Done

- Meet with constituent groups
- Request that issues of interest be placed on meeting agenda
- Learn more about issues via presentations from experts and staff
- Call on subcommittees or Working Groups for help
- Discuss issues during SAC meeting
- Decide on appropriate level of agreement to seek, and then work to reach consensus agreement, conduct a vote, or use other means to arrive at SAC's position
- SAC advice can take the form of:
 - Verbal comments to Sanctuary manager
 - Written record in meeting minutes
 - SAC letter to Sanctuary, NOAA or other party
 - SAC resolution or statement
 - SAC paper, report or other written recommendation

What is the Job of a SAC Member?

Expectations:

- Provide the Sanctuary Manager with advice on meeting the mandate of the National Marine Sanctuary Act
- Serve as an ambassador between the Sanctuary staff and various communities and stakeholders
- Actively reach out to and engage your constituency to help raise awareness about the Sanctuary and to understand and share with the SAC the interests of stakeholders
- Work to understand the viewpoints of all SAC members and stakeholders, and participate in finding ways to reach collaborative and consensus based agreements
- Attend and participate at SAC meetings. Don't just be a watch dog.
- Communicate regularly with your fellow SAC representatives and the Sanctuary staff
- Participate in Working Groups or subcommittees

FIRST TERM HIGHLIGHTS (Dec. 1998 – Dec. 2001)

SAC History: Initial rationale for Council creation:

- To formalize CINMS involvement with the community and increase public awareness about the sanctuary
- Need for broad-based advice and assistance with the management plan revision process
- Success with SACs at other sanctuaries
- Local interest and strong NMSP commitment to community involvement in sanctuary management

Meetings:

- Year 1: 7 + 1 Retreat
- Year 2: 9
- Year 3: 5 + 1 Retreat

Attendance (% of voting seats):

- Year 1 average: 88%

- Year 2 average: 83%
- Year 3 average: 87%
- Three-Year average: 86%

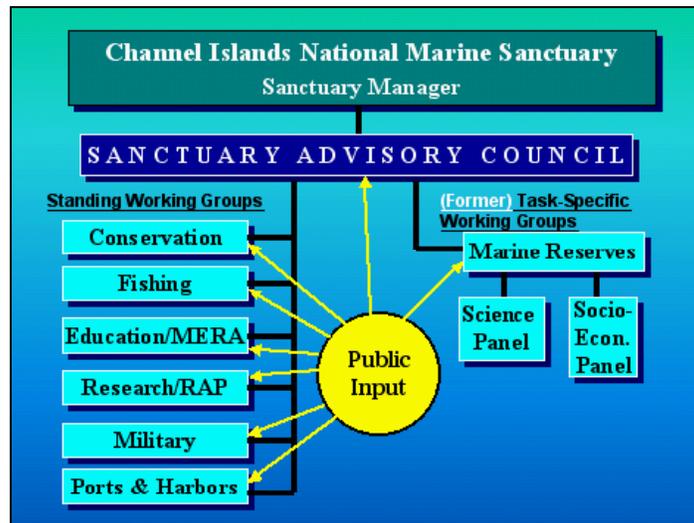
Membership

- 20 members, 21 alternates, 3 non-voting seats
- Seat representation deliberated at four meetings
- Twenty seat changes & turnovers

20 Voting Seats:

Business, Fishing, Education, Recreation, Research, Conservation, Tourism, Public At-Large (3), US Coast Guard, National Marine Fisheries Service, US Department of Defense, Minerals Management Service, National Park Service, California Coastal Commission, California Resources Agency, California Dept. of Fish & Game, Ventura County, Santa Barbara County.

Structure of the SAC:



Working Group Activity

<u>Group</u>	<u>No. of Meetings</u>
Education Working Group/ Marine Educators Regional Alliance (MERA)	8*
Research Activities Panel (RAP)	0
Conservation Working Group	10
Fishing Working Group	4
Marine Reserves Working Group (MRWG)	24
Marine Reserves Science Panel	13
Military Working Group	2
Ports & Harbors Working Group	2
TOTAL:	63

* MERA meetings were mostly unrelated to SAC business

Presentations and Discussions (but no SAC recommendations):

- CINMS Programs
- Introduction to marine zoning in Sanctuaries and marine reserves
- Governmental Jurisdictions in CINMS
- Sea Otter Management
- Sustainable Seas Expedition (twice)
- Gaviota coast protection initiatives
- Monterey Bay NMS Water Quality Protection Program
- Submerged Cable project proposals and NMSP policies
- NMSA Reauthorization and NMSP Appropriation
- Fisheries Management and Sanctuary Authority
- Fisheries of the Sanctuary
- Proposed High Energy Seismic Survey at Cavern Point Unit
- REEF fish monitoring program potential at CINMS
- CINMS Vessel Acquisition
- Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary Foundation

SAC Accomplishments

Significantly Raised the Level of Community Awareness, Knowledge and Involvement

- Increased Public Awareness and Stewardship of the Marine Sanctuary
- Increased Council knowledge of the Sanctuary
- Facilitated Community
- Involvement in Sanctuary Management

Marine Reserves Working Group Process

- Great stride forward in community involvement for MPA planning
- Extremely valuable package of work (agreements, maps, etc.)
- Valuable learning and relationship-building experience for all
- Unparalleled scientific and economic support, data and analysis
- Holds the potential to be responsible for significantly increasing long term protections to the Sanctuary

Management Plan Process

- Provided extensive and important input on the development of the Draft Management Plan and preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, including:
 - Prioritization of scoping process issues
 - Input on development of new programs and improvement of existing operations
 - Collection of data for DEIS
 - Development and Review of draft document sections
 - Constituent outreach
 - Hosting of public forums
 - Extensive input on regulations
 - Extensive input and a recommendation on boundaries

There were no Council questions about Mike's presentation. Mike then distributed a draft handout: "Summary Record of Council Decisions" which included a bullet point list of motions passed and decisions made from 1998-2001 (see ATTACHMENT 1).

Jim Brye remarked that the Summary Record of Council Decisions provides a good product for the SAC.

Troy Rentz suggested that the slide show could be placed on the Sanctuary's web site because it does a good job explaining what the SAC is about.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Wass with the Santa Barbara chapter of the Audubon Society thanked the Council for their hard work over the first three years, and read a letter that was sent to the California Fish and Game Commission urging support for the largest Channel Islands marine reserve alternative.

Eric Kett suggested that the handout on SAC decisions made from 1998-2001 should be placed on the web site and made available to the public. He also expressed a concern about lack of adequate representation on the SAC from the diving community. Dick Holt offered to be a contact point for Eric and any divers interested in the SAC.

Chris Miller mentioned that in addition to serving on the SAC's Marine Reserve Working Group (MRWG) and working on the state's Marine Life Protection Act process (MLPA), he helped develop the Alliance for Communities for Sustainable Fisheries up in the Monterey area, and has been operating as a liaison between the Sanctuary Program and fishing communities on the central coast. Chris noted that it's a big job to bring the fishing community to the table with so many things going on at one time. A major problem encountered, Chris said, is resistance from the fishing community to the SAC, both here and in Monterey. He said there is a problem with fishing community representation.

Chris went on to say that the letter the SAC sent to the Fish and Game Commission (dated October 26, 2001) is a problem. Chris read a specific sentence from the letter: "Specifically, we request to have included an option between 30-50% of Sanctuary waters." Fishermen have a problem with this, Chris said.

For the SAC's public record, Chris submitted three letters, one from himself to the SAC regarding this issue, and two written by the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries regarding the management plan review process for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary [all letters were sent to the SAC].

Chris told the SAC that if they are going to represent themselves as the community voice for this marine reserves process, they need to respect the MRWG's consensus elements, the ground

rules, implementation recommendations, and other elements. Chris told the Council that it's a significant problem for the SAC to take the MRWG's product and use it as a negotiating tool.

Chris also said that the fishermen he represents have some serious problems with unresolved MRWG issues, such as challenges to Science Panel findings. He noted that the Pacific Fisheries Management Council's Science and Statistical Committee commented on the Science Panel's work as "policy" not science. He also mentioned that the Science Panel recommendation is not published, which he said is a critical point.

Chris Miller concluded his remarks by asking that the letters he had submitted go out to the SAC with the next packet.

Bill Kulhanck expressed concerns that boaters chartering vessels visit the Sanctuary and the Channel Islands without enough knowledge about what they can and can't do, and where they can and can't go. He was invited by Kathy deWet-Oleson to attend a January 30th meeting of the SAC's Education Working Group.

Eric Kett asked who on the SAC the public could talk to about recreational boating. Jim Brye said he could speak to recreational boaters, as well as Robert Duncan.

Eric then asked about who to talk to concerning recreational fishing. Harry Liquornik said that he could handle that, because he's the SAC's fishing seat representative. Eric said that his point in asking is that recreational SCUBA diving is not really represented appropriately on the SAC. Eric added that divers are a user group that should be here. Jim Brye mentioned that the SAC's recreation alternate, Bill Kendig, is a diver and SCUBA instructor.

Lyn Krieger cautioned that old issues were being raised here. She added, however, that there does seem to be a gap on the SAC, and that the Ports and Harbors Working Group had noted this.

Dianne Meester reminded everyone that the SAC's Executive Committee (Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary) provide input to the Sanctuary Manager on seat appointments, and in doing so gives consideration to balancing the seats.

Dick Holt, Public At-Large alternate, mentioned that he's also a diver and would be happy to work with Eric Kett to help get his concerns and ideas to the Council.

4. CINMS PRIORITIES FOR 2002

To set the stage for SAC planning, Sanctuary Manager Matt Pickett provided a brief overview of the Sanctuary's priority events and goals for 2002.

Matt explained that each year the Sanctuary staff sets major themes to focus on; areas of focus to integrate across multiple programs. This year, Matt said, one of the theme areas is seabirds. Matt explained that CINMS has a grant to help with hooked birds near piers, and that there are

some concerns about seabirds at the islands. Matt introduced the second CINMS theme area as marine reserves, and the third these as cultural resources.

Concerning the Management Plan revision process, Matt reported that the latest word from Washington DC is that some time in April we might see release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP). He explained that the Department of Commerce finally placed a new NOAA Director, and the Sanctuary Program expects to be briefing him soon on the DEIS/DMP.

Regarding the new vessel being constructed for CINMS, Matt said that sea trials are currently scheduled for July, 2002. However, he added, it could end up being more like Fall.

With that, Matt commented that those items represent some of the major efforts and focus areas for this year.

Jim Brye asked Matt Pickett if Sanctuary budgets have been approved for this year. Matt responded that budgets have not yet been set, but would be soon. Matt added that right now it looks possible that CINMS might receive a flat budget (same level as previous year).

5. STAFF REQUESTS of the SAC for ASSISTANCE in 2002

Matt Pickett and Sanctuary staff members Sean Hastings and Mike Murray walked the SAC through an overview of the highest priority tasks that the staff was requesting Council assistance with in 2002. The task descriptions, suggested approaches the SAC might take, and suggested due dates are detailed in ATTACHMENT 2, which was handed out to all SAC members.

Marine Reserves Implementation Planning

Sean Hastings described a series of marine reserve implementation planning requests for the SAC, beginning with education. Sean described the following task elements, as presented in the handout:

Marine reserves education plan development	Action plan drafted by end of 2002	SAC to recommend to CINMS and partners a suite of strategies, specific actions and draft products for marine reserves education	Education Working Group to take the lead; respond to MRWG recommendations; participate in Workshop on MPA Management; SAC to advise CINMS with written product.	September 13: Deliver draft plan and products to CINMS
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Sean described that with this task came the suggestion that a new SAC Education Working Group be formed. The overall idea behind this, Sean said, is that by the end of the year, we'd like to have an education action plan for marine reserves. Sean described possible SAC contributions as draft plans and maybe even products. While a lot depends on what kind of marine reserve network is ultimately put in place, Sean explained that we can still make progress on this from a strategy development standpoint. He noted that the MRWG went as far as developing a suite of implementation recommendations, including many education ideas.

Sean next described planning assistance needed to develop a biological monitoring program for marine reserves, and referred the SAC to the following portion of their handout:

Marine reserve biological monitoring program development	Action plan drafted by end of 2002	Recommend to CINMS and partners specific strategies and actions for implementing a marine reserve biological monitoring program	SAC to form a Working Group or task force to assist in developing a framework for a biological monitoring program that responds to MRWG implementation recommendations; participate in Workshop on MPA Management (see below); SAC to advise CINMS with written product.	Nov. 13: Deliver draft plan to CINMS
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Sean noted that the MRWG had already developed a suite of basic implementation recommendation on reserve monitoring. The idea here, Sean explained, was for the SAC to provide a recommendation to CINMS and other agencies on strategies to implement a marine reserve monitoring program. Sean also said that a working group approach could be used, perhaps similar to the SAC’s Science Advisory Panel.

Similarly, Sean explained that assistance would also be needed in developing a socio-economic monitoring program for marine reserves. Sean explained the elements in the SAC’s handout, as follows:

Marine reserves socio-economic monitoring program development	Action plan drafted by end of 2002	Recommend to CINMS and partners specific strategies and actions for implementing a marine reserve socio-economic monitoring program	SAC to form a Working Group or task force to take the lead on recommending the framework for a socio-economic monitoring program that responds to MRWG implementation recommendations; Participate in Workshop on MPA Management (see below); SAC to advise CINMS with written product.	Nov. 13: Deliver draft plan to CINMS
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Sean noted that MRWG had also called for socio-economic monitoring. Sean explained that the lead NOAA Economists (Leeworthy and Wiley) that CINMS would be working with on this have also done similar work in Florida. Sean explained that the idea is for the SAC to be involved by working with Bob Leeworthy and Peter Wiley to focus on determining how to track the economic effects of marine reserves over time. Sean also suggested that perhaps the SAC’s Ports and Harbors Working Group could be helpful with this.

Sean next explained that assistance would also be needed in developing an enforcement program for marine reserves. Sean explained the elements in the SAC’s handout, as follows:

Marine Reserves Enforcement Program development	Action plan drafted by end of 2002	Recommend to CINMS and partners specific strategies and actions for implementing a marine reserves enforcement program	Agency seats and other interested SAC members form subcommittee or Working Group to respond to MRWG enforcement implementation recommendations.	Nov. 13: : Deliver draft plan to CINMS
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Sean explained again that, just as with other implementation programs, an effort to look at enforcement now is in anticipation that in the future we may see marine reserves established at the islands, and at that point we don’t want to be caught without programs ready to go. Sean mentioned that effective enforcement was also a key implementation recommendation area for the MRWG. He also noted that Jorge Gross with the California Department of Fish and Game has already been working on this kind of planning.

Sean then explained that one final marine reserves request of the SAC had to do with holding a Workshop, as outlined in the handout:

Host and Sponsor a CINMS Marine Reserve Management Workshop (monitoring, enforcement, education, etc.)	September 2002	Co-sponsor event with CINMS; Develop and refine marine reserve management recommendations from Workshop outcomes	Form planning subcommittee to help with organizing the event; SAC members and Working Groups to attend and participate;	March 15: Event planning recommendations; Sept: Co-host event
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Sean described a possible Marine Reserves Management Workshop that might have concurrent sessions on several topics. Experts from around the region, nation or world, Sean said, could be invited to come in, help us focus for a few days, and emerge with the planning pieces all pulled together.

Management Plan Revision Process

Mike Murray began by describing the staff’s envisioned role for the SAC in helping with the public release of the DEIS/DMP. He stepped the Council through their handout on this, as follows:

Public Release of Draft EIS and Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP)	April-May 2002	Host a Public Hearing on the DEIS/DMP	Combine Hearing with SAC meeting	May 8 SAC meeting, or later if necessary
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The idea, Mike explained, was the SAC to help provide a public hearing forum that will allow the community to learn about and understand what’s being proposed in the draft documents.

Next, Mike mentioned that potential role the SAC might play in providing feedback to CINMS on the DEIS/DMP, as follows:

Comments on DEIS/DMP (during 45-60 day comment period)	May-June 2002	Comment to CINMS on DEIS/DMP	Review and discuss Draft EIS and DMP at Working Group and SAC level; Staff to provide summary information piece on management plan; SAC to make written recommendations to CINMS	July 12 SAC meeting, unless comments are due earlier
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Mike commented that CINMS would like to hear comments from the SAC about the management plan, and would like to see the SAC put those comments in writing, if possible.

Next, Mike described a task involving the refinement of performance indicators to gauge the effectiveness of CINMS management plan program areas:

Refining performance indicators for management plan objectives	Early 2003	Development of qualitative performance indicators for Sanctuary action plans; develop a model approach for measuring resource management effectiveness	After release of DMP, create a Working Group or SAC subcommittee to take the lead; work closely with CINMS staff and NMSF headquarters; make written recommendations to CINMS	Draft recommendations: Sept 2002; Final recommendations: Jan. 2003 or earlier
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Mike said that if the SAC, or some subset of members of the SAC, were interested in this opportunity to work on this with local and headquarters-based staff, more information and explanation could be brought to a future meeting.

Mike quickly mentioned that if the FEIS/FMP were released later in 2002, then, again, staff would hope that the SAC would play a role in assisting, as follows:

Public Release of Final EIS and Final Management Plan (FEIS/FMP)	Fall 2002	Raise awareness and understanding of new plan among various constituencies	Convene working groups; develop presentations for SAC members, communicate with constituencies, recommend and assist with additional outreach strategies	Fall through Winter 2002
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Water Quality

Matt Pickett described the staff’s ideas for involvement of the SAC in developing CINMS strategies for addressing water quality threats to Sanctuary resources:

Develop recommendations for addressing water quality threats to Sanctuary resources	Early 2003	(1) Compile and synthesize information on water quality threats (island, channel, coastal, watershed) and jurisdictional responsibilities as it pertains to Sanctuary water quality issues;	Consider formation of a working group or task force, or SAC representation on local water quality groups; Work with staff and consult with regional and local water quality management experts; develop and present to CINMS recommended Sanctuary strategies and actions in the form of a plan framework.	March, May & July: hear from experts; Sept: present draft recommendations for plan framework; Jan 2003 or beyond: final recommendations.
		(2) Recommend strategies, priority actions and programs for managing water quality impacts on Sanctuary resources		

Matt explained that what the staff is envisioning here is not the Sanctuary trying to take the lead on all water quality work in the marine region, but to take a look at the problems and programs up and down the coast, find gaps, and determine what the Sanctuary can do to help. He asked the SAC to consider the role of the Sanctuary with regard to answering some basic questions about water quality issues, such as “does CINMS need certain kinds of new programs?, should the Sanctuary be working upstream?, does CINMS need to work toward policy recommendations?” Matt said he envisions a SAC Working Group approach to take this on.

SAC Chair Dianne Meester suggested that, for now, perhaps the SAC should move to a discussion on the higher priority task requests just presented, and leave the medium priority issues (see ATTACHMENT 2) for later discussion.

6. COUNCIL DISCUSSION on ANNUAL TASKS & PRIORITIES

Following the staff descriptions of high priority task requests, the Council began to discuss these tasks and their potential role.

Harry Liquornik asked for clarification on role of Education Working Group, wanting to know if they would only be dealing with education recommendations. Matt Pickett responded that Harry was correct.

Mark Helvey suggested that it would be important for fishermen to be involved with these planning efforts.

Linda Krop said that one advantage of the Management Plan process compared to the Marine Reserves process is that for the management plan only one agency is going to be making the decisions. Linda added that as a practical matter, she didn’t think the SAC understood what will frame NOAA’s decisions. Linda then asked Matt Pickett if he had thought about any kind of briefing to help the SAC understand the guidelines (legal and jurisdictional limits) on what can

be done, so that the SAC doesn't spend time suggesting something to CINMS that is not possible. Matt Pickett responded that, yes, CINMS can do that for the SAC, and headquarters staff can come out to talk to the Council as well.

Dianne Meester agreed that a briefing on what the decision-making process is should happen in advance of the DEIS release and SAC comments.

Mark Helvey pointed out that if the SAC forms a research working group, who is on it will be very important. Mark suggested that not just scientists be a part of it, but the public and resource managers too.

Matt Cahn suggested that emerging priorities and tasks that the SAC takes on should link back to the work that has already been done (e.g., by the MRWG and Science Panel). Any new SAC groups formed should make recommendations that are consistent with the work this Council has already done.

Harry Liquornik commented that the Fishermen's Data Review Committee that assisted the MRWG should perhaps get involved with the socio-economic monitoring task.

Matt Pickett, responding to Harry, suggested that the SAC's Fishing Working Group could get involved as well.

Lyn Krieger commented that if the Fishing Working Group were plugged in to this, then others might be left out. She suggested that integration with ports and harbors interests would be important, not just fishermen. She added that the MRWG meetings were very frustrating because the public could not really participate, and recommended that the group be mindful of this when we are forming any new groups.

Sean Hastings informed the Council that NOAA economists Bob Leeworthy and Peter Wiley have already developed a socio-economic monitoring program for reserve areas at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and that they could come talk to the SAC about how that works.

Bob Warner agreed with Lyn Krieger that it would be important for ports and harbors to be part of any socio-economic group, but added that other interests, such as non-consumptive users, should also be involved. Bob said that this applies equally for a biological monitoring group. Bob pointed out that these groups focused on developing monitoring programs should not be as politically charged as the MRWG was, and commented that everyone benefits from a well designed monitoring program.

Rebecca Roth mentioned that she liked Matt Pickett's idea to bring NOAA/NMSP people here from Washington DC, particularly during the public comment period for DEIS/DMP. She said that these folks need to understand what's going on out here. Rebecca also suggested that with respect to enforcement program development, maybe the SAC should have an ongoing enforcement task force comprised of those agencies that have law enforcement responsibilities.

Matt Pickett asked Rebecca Roth if she saw this as being a standing group on enforcement, to which Rebecca replied that she did.

Jim Brye, commenting on education, suggested that public outreach would be very important.

Kathy deWet-Oleson agreed with Jim, and said that more will be known about the specific outreach approaches to be taken after a needs assessment is conducted.

Sean Hastings added that the new Sanctuary Naturalist Corps (SNC) is going through training right now, and that marine reserves has been discussed. Sean said he would anticipate that SNC training could be used to talk about marine reserves education implementation.

Michael Hanrahan pointed out and suggested that some of the “medium priority” tasks and issues staff had listed as potential areas of focus for the SAC (see ATTACHMENT 2) could be blended into to the higher priority water quality work or marine reserves monitoring tasks.

7. OUTGOING SAC MEMBER COMMENTS

Dianne Meester commented that the SAC and community owe many thanks to those Council members who served the entire first term on the Sanctuary Advisory Council. Dianne particularly acknowledged Craig Fusaro, who served as the SAC’s first chair. Dianne then called on those “retiring” SAC members present to please say a few words.

Bruce Steele (SAC fishing seat member from 1998-2001) said that he had many people to thank, especially the staff. He gave thanks to Mike Murray for keeping him organized and for always being there to talk with. Bruce said that he left the SAC because he became angry, but that he’s not angry any more. He recalled how he joined the SAC to protect fish, which he said is easier for him to do than protecting people. Bruce said that he will continue to be involved, and may have the time now to come to the SAC’s Conservation Working Group meetings. Over the years, he said, he has always been so impressed by and appreciative of how completely courteous everyone has been to him. Bruce added that he felt the SAC might need a little more balancing, and that it seems like it is tilting more to the left now. He emphasized the importance of the SAC for providing a place where everyone’s voice can be heard. He also thanked Marla Daily, Craig Fusaro and Rudy Scott for being great allies over the years.

Craig Fusaro (SAC public at large member, 1998-2001 and SAC Chair, 1998-2000) added his thanks to the NOAA staff, and thanked Mike Murray for always being so helpful. Craig commented that it has been a great honor to participate in this community-based forum. He said that he hopes the new members also feel honored and privileged. Craig explained to the new members that they now have a constituency, and he emphasized the importance that members express not only their own voice, but also those of their constituencies. Craig said that he didn’t think the SAC had reached its full potential, but that this new group can reach it. Addressing the Council members, he added that if you came here with an agenda, you will need to proceed in a careful way so that you can respect and listen to others and assimilate their views. He suggested

that a SAC member should be able to listen as carefully as he or she speaks, and reminded the Council that everyone's agenda or issues are equally important.

Marla Daily offered thanks to everyone she has worked with. She remarked that it has been a truly enriching experience, and that three years had gone by fast. She added that Craig Fusaro summed it up beautifully. Marla thanked Matt Pickett and the staff, and encouraged new members to enjoy their time with the SAC.

8. SAC VETERANS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Matt Pickett then acknowledged and thanked each of the 11 government agency representatives that have been with the SAC for the entire first term (since December 1998). He read off the names: Brian Baird (California Resources Agency), Melissa Miller-Henson (California Resources Agency), Patty Wolf (Department of Fish and Game), Jorge Gross (Department of Fish and Game), Gary Timm (California Coastal Commission), Drew Mayerson (MMS), Fred Piltz (MMS), Lyn Krieger (Ventura County), Jack Peveler (Ventura County), Dianne Meester (Santa Barbara County), and Jackie Campbell (Santa Barbara County).

Matt Pickett then thanked and presented awards to each of the community representatives of the SAC that served the entire first term: Jim Brye, Rudy Scott (absent), Dan Secord (absent), Linda Krop, Bruce Steele, Matt Cahn, Marla Daily, Craig Fusaro, Larry Manson (absent), and Barry Schuyler (absent). Matt presented those in attendance with a special gift: a framed picture by renowned ocean artist Robert Lyn Nelson, entitled "The Great Blue Whales, which he painted for CINMS and which he personally signed to each recipient.

9. COUNCIL DECISIONS on ANNUAL TASKS – Part 1

Dianne Meester asked the SAC how they would like to proceed at this point.

Regarding the marine reserves monitoring task, Bob Warner commented that he would not recommend that the SAC set up something on the magnitude of the MRWG. He suggested a more focused group, perhaps smaller than the MRWG, to include both people whose expertise is in evaluation and monitoring as well as some people that can bring in knowledge about alternatives to straight biological monitoring, which can be expensive. To get started, Bob said that he and Dan Brumbaugh (SAC Research seat alternate) would propose that they could come up with a list of areas that they think would be necessary to cover, and some names of specific individuals. He added that they could also appeal to the SAC and the public at large for group membership.

Jon Clark posed a process question, asking if perhaps the SAC shouldn't first say at this point if there is general support for the ideas the staff had proposed.

Michael Hanrahan asked if staff could provide some background information on the “other emerging issues” listed as medium priority task requests on the staff’s handout (see ATTACHMENT 2).

Harry Liquornik said that he was concerned about the seabird issue (“comment on seabird protections”) listed among the medium priority emerging issues. Harry pointed out that former Sanctuary Manager Ed Cassano had once commented to other agencies on the issue of squid light boats disturbing seabirds, and had done so before consulting fishermen. Harry suggested to Matt Pickett that if the Sanctuary was going to comment again, that he please talk with fishermen first.

Don Dusette commented that the water quality issue seems to be bigger than all of us. He said that he didn’t see how this group could recommend strategies for mainland pollution. The issues and sources, he said, are a mystery. Don suggested that the SAC should document the water quality we have at the islands, and raise a flag if necessary. He added that he did not feel that anything was being done about nitrogen and petroleum.

Dianne Meester suggested that the SAC try to reach general agreement first on if the Council wanted to take on each of the three high priority task request areas (marine reserves implementation planning, management plan revision process, and water quality), and if so then get more detailed.

Jon Clark agreed with Dianne, and added that this should not yet be a content discussion, but rather one of process.

9A. Marine Reserves Education Plan Development

Dianne Meester asked if everyone was OK with the marine reserves education plan development task as described by the staff.

Mark Helvey said that it will be important to get the fishing community involved with this group.

Harry Liquornik said that he’d already been asked to come to the first meeting of the Education Working Group to provide an overview presentation, but he wasn’t so sure about signing up to be a full time member of the group.

Jeanette Webber expressed a concern that the Education Working Group not end up with too much work on their plates.

Drew Mayerson asked what staff felt was a realistic time frame for implementation of reserves, if they are adopted. Sean Hastings responded that a State decision could come as early as this spring, and that the earliest we might see reserves implemented would likely be January of next year.

Linda Krop suggested that use of existing working groups might be a good idea, so that not too many groups are formed and meetings held. She added the SAC Working Groups are good way to go because they allow for members outside the SAC to participate directly.

Chris Miller suggested that the MRWG's suggested Data Management Program and Community Oversight Committee should be considered here as well. The focus, he said, should be on an adaptive management policy.

Jon Clark stated that unless there were objectives, he would suggest the marine reserves education strategy development task, as outlined by staff, be accepted. Hearing no objections, **Jon Clark offered a motion for the SAC to accept the task of developing education strategies for marine reserves as suggested by CINMS staff (see ATTACHMENT 2). Jim Brye seconded the motion. Dianne Meester called for a voice vote. The result was unanimous support for the motion.**

9B. Marine Reserves Biological Monitoring Program Development

Dianne read the task request: "recommend to CINMS and partners specific strategies and actions for implementing a marine reserve biological monitoring program." She then asked if the SAC would like to adopt this task as a priority for the year.

Jorge Gross said that the state's Marine Life Protection Act requires that all state MPAs have a monitoring program. Jorge suggested that the SAC and CINMS might be able to borrow some of the same people doing this kind of work for MLPA, so as not to struggle with reinventing the wheel.

Dianne Meester reminded the Council that the discussion at hand is not about whether or not there should be a monitoring program, but what the SAC's role should be.

Mark Helvey said that any group working on this should involve more than just biologists. He added that we need to keep in mind what will be done with data after it is collected.

Matt Cahn suggested that a task-specific group would be good for this, and added that it might also be worthwhile for the SAC to form a standing Research Working Group.

Robert Duncan asked Matt Pickett if he wanted the SAC to decide if Working Groups should be formed to do this. Matt Pickett responded that, yes, the SAC should decide if they want to be involved, and then how.

Jorge Gross suggested that the MLPA's monitoring group could be helpful with this task.

Chris Miller said that it would be a big benefit for the SAC if experience could be brought in from other areas where they have experience monitoring the ocean. Chris said that bringing in people with experience on modeling, field research, community involvement, and fisheries management would be helpful. Chris added that a key element here is to involve people that want to be part of it, and not have recommendations emerge from a black box.

Drew Mayerson asked how this is handled at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS), and what does their SAC do.

Mike Murray responded to Drew that the FKNMS does have a comprehensive monitoring program for their various marine zones, including both socio-economic and biological monitoring. Mike also said that we're not sure right now what the FKNMS SAC's ongoing role has been with regard to the monitoring programs. Mike added that we'd like to invite FKNMS staff to come talk with all of us about this.

Jon Clark commented that this task is mostly a technical issue. He said that he sees two ways the SAC could go with this: 1) the SAC could appoint a technical group to handle this; or 2) the SAC could serve as a liaison to a technical group to help community input get to the technical group. Jon said that he would lean toward the latter, and added that the SAC's job seems to be to make sure people are talking, and that the SAC is best at that.

Bob Warner commented that he did not think the SAC should "punt" this task entirely to the California Department of Fish and Game with the expectation that they will handle it. He added that what's done with the data after it is collected can become something of a political issue, and a key input for adaptive management.

Dianne Meester commented that what's done with the data might end up being an issue for next year.

Harry Liquornik said that he would support formation of a SAC group to work on this, and added that this seems like what the MRWG had wanted to see.

Dick Holt described his experience in putting together a National cancer plan. He said that a hodge podge group like the SAC was assembled to look at the task before them, but, just like the SAC, they realized that they couldn't do it because the right experts weren't there. Dick explained further that they decided to put together groups of experts, under the larger group's control. Work and recommendations then came back to the central committee, Dick said, and ultimately that's how the national cancer plan came to be. Dick said his point was that the SAC should realize that this group has its limits.

Gary Davis suggested that the SAC may want to provide some advice and guidance to the technical group about concerns, such as how sensitive to change the monitoring should be.

Rebecca Roth said that she would support what's been suggested by staff, that the task is to help CINMS develop the framework for a monitoring plan.

Robert Duncan commented that maybe the SAC is leaning toward voting on whether or not we want a Working Group to be established for each of these issues.

Dianne Meester agreed, but said that it might be a little more than that. She stated that the SAC will really need to understand their role.

Michael Hanrahan suggested that the SAC might need to understand how monitoring is done in order to do this task.

Jon Clark asked if anyone on the SAC want to actually do this work.

Bob Warner responded that, as he had said earlier, he can come up with a list of names of people that should be involved.

Dick Holt asked Matt Pickett if money is available to support this.

Matt Pickett replied that yes, funds will be available, but it will be an important issue.

Matt Cahn said that he would endorse the SAC moving in the direction of being in a liaison role to a technical group.

Dianne Meester reminded everyone that Bob Warner has made an offer to participate, and asked who else would be willing to.

Matt Cahn said that it should be not so much that the SAC wants to drive this, but that it will be made more publicly available if the SAC is involved.

Chris Miller said that he would like to be involved. He said that he has been working on cooperative research proposals for a year now. He added that it was a problem that the two technical panels to the MRWG were split, and suggested that an integrated approach is best.

Dianne Meester, based on a show of hands, noted that it seemed like an ad-hoc group of six SAC members is forming: Bob Warner, Dan Brumbaugh, Matt Cahn, Harry Liquornik, Chris Miller, and Jorge Gross. When asked about staff support, Matt Pickett noted that Sean Hastings would be the CINMS staff person assigned to the group.

Mike Murray asked for clarification on what purpose the Ad Hoc group would serve.

Jon Clark stated that it seems that the SAC does not know at this time what its role will be, but that perhaps the ad hoc group could come up with a suggestion. He went on to say that if the ad hoc group suggested that there was not a high need for the SAC to be involved with development of a monitoring program, then he would be fine with that.

Linda Krop commented that she feels the SAC would want to lend support.

Matt Cahn said that he still prefers a liaison role for the SAC, as mentioned earlier by Jon Clark.

Bob Warner suggested that the ad hoc group of six could come up with a set of suggested areas, people, programs, etc. and bring these ideas back to the SAC and Matt Pickett.

Dianne Meester asked Bob if he would like that to be a motion, to which Bob said yes. She then repeated that **the motion is for the SAC to form an ad hoc group consisting of Bob Warner, Dan Brumbaugh, Matt Cahn, Harry Liquornik, Chris Miller, and Jorge Gross that would convene to develop advice for suggested areas, people, programs and SAC role, and bring these ideas back to the SAC and Matt Pickett at the next meeting. The motion was seconded and by voice vote the Council approved the motion unanimously.**

9C. Marine Reserves Socio-Economic Monitoring Program Development

Dianne Meester asked the SAC if they would like to take on the staff's requested task concerning socio-economic monitoring: "recommend to CINMS and partners specific strategies and actions for implementing a marine reserve socio-economic monitoring program."

A representative from the Ventura County Harbor Department stated, on behalf of absent SAC member Lyn Krieger, that the SAC's Ports & Harbors Working Group should be involved.

Dianne Meester asked the SAC if they would want, just as with the biological monitoring task, for a subcommittee to informally get together and make initial recommendations on how the SAC should proceed. A show of hands indicated strong interest in this approach. Another show of hands was taken to find out who on the SAC would be interested in joining an ad hoc group. This resulted in the following: Lyn Krieger (suggested as Chair and to represent the SAC Ports and Harbors Working Group), Harry Liquornik (to represent the Fishermen's Data Review Committee), Michael Hanrahan, Greg Helms, Jim Brye, Dick Holt. Additionally, Matt Pickett noted that Sean Hastings would be the CINMS staff assigned to the group.

Rebecca Roth stated that she would want to make sure that the MRWG's recommendations on this are taken into account.

Linda Krop offered a **motion to adopt this suggestion, which was clarified as calling on an ad hoc group to recommend to the SAC the areas, experts, and programs necessary to develop a marine reserves socio-economic monitoring program that takes into account the MRWG's implementation recommendations, and to recommend a role for the SAC. The motion was seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

9D. Marine Reserves Enforcement Program Development

Dianne Meester moved on to describe briefly the reserves enforcement task request: "recommend to CINMS and partners specific strategies and actions for implementing a marine reserves enforcement program." She suggested that the agency seats that would have an enforcement role should perhaps be identified and comment (CDFG, NPS, NMFS, USGC), and also asked that people consider if this issue should be handled with an ad hoc group approach similar to the marine reserves monitoring issues.

Tim Setnicka commented that the National Park Service currently has some MOUs and MOAs in place regarding enforcement at the Channel Islands. He suggested that it might be helpful if constituents could share issues and concerns with the enforcement agencies.

Dianne Meester asked if any non-governmental SAC members would be interested in participating.

Dick Holt responded that he would be interested in participating.

Robert Duncan also expressed an interest in participating.

Rebecca Roth commented that the California Coastal Commission would probably not need to participate unless it was concerning the islands themselves.

Jorge Gross suggested that perhaps this would be better viewed and handled as a Channel Islands enforcement program, not just a marine reserves enforcement program.

Matt Pickett, when asked about staff support for a SAC ad hoc group on marine reserves enforcement, indicated that Mike Murray would be handling this from the staff side.

Jon Clark asked if this would essentially be a group for regulators and regulates to get together. Jorge Gross responded that, yes, he thought so.

Chris Miller commented that the big questions the community is asking about is how we are going to know if marine reserves work, and how much it is going to cost. Chris said that part of this is the cost of enforcement, including knowing how much fuel will cost per month and how many reserves can be covered. Chris also said that this is similar to socio-economic monitoring.

Robert Duncan offered a motion that an ad hoc group consisting of Jorge Gross, Tim Setnicka, Dick Holt, the NMFS (Mark Helvey), the US Coast Guard (Troy Rentz), and Harry Liquornik get together to discuss this further. The group is to bring back to the SAC recommendations on the role of the Council in helping to develop a marine reserves enforcement plan, and ideas for proceeding that consider stakeholder input, programs needed, and the MRWG's implementation recommendations. Recommendations from the group would also be made in consideration of the needs of agencies that have lead enforcement authority around the Channel Islands. The motion was seconded. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

9E. MARINE RESERVES MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP.

Bob Warner asked if the staff were envisioning that the workshop could bring expertise to the table, but then the SAC could deliver their recommendations in November. If so, Bob said, perhaps the workshop is being scheduled too late.

Matt Pickett responded that the idea was to hold the workshop soon after a state decision is known regarding marine reserves. He said that we are flexible on this.

Jon Clark asked if the idea would be for the SAC to offer advice on planning the workshop.

Matt Pickett responded that, yes, the SAC could help with planning but perhaps also could host the workshop.

Mark Helvey suggested that perhaps some kind of flow chart would be helpful to illustrate how all of the reserve management elements come together, and how data are utilized.

Linda Krop suggested that perhaps each of the Working Groups or ad hoc groups working on marine reserve implementation topics were going to be looking at this.

Dianne Meester clarified that, so far, the group assignments are focused on designing programs more so than what to do with data after it is collected.

Bob Warner agreed, saying that he would prefer to see these tasks handled separately, and to focus first on designing the programs.

Matt Cahn asked if regulations proposed for marine reserves by the state will require performance criteria and indicators.

Jorge Gross responded that they would.

To close out discussion on this item, Dianne Meester asked if anyone would be willing to serve on a SAC Subcommittee to assist CINMS staff in the planning for this workshop. Volunteers included Greg Helms and Dianne Meester.

10. SAC OFFICER ELECTIONS

Dianne Meester announced that it was time again for the SAC to conduct an election for two of the officer positions on the Council, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Dianne first thanked Lyn Krieger for her services as SAC Secretary, and Jon Clark for his help as Vice Chair.

For Vice Chair, there were no new self-nominations to come forward. Jon Clark was asked if he would be willing to serve a second term as Vice Chair, and he agreed. By unanimous voice vote, the Council re-elected Jon Clark as Vice Chair (2-year term)

Linda Krop nominated Jeanette Webber for Secretary. Also by unanimous voice vote, the Council elected Jeanette Webber as Secretary (1-year term)

11. COUNCIL DECISIONS on ANNUAL TASKS – Part 2

11A. Management Plan Revision Process: Host a public hearing on the DEIS/DMP

Dianne Meester re-introduced this task request: “Host a Public Hearing on the DEIS/DMP.” She asked the SAC how they felt about this request.

Drew Mayerson asked for clarification, wanting to know if the proposal was to actually combine a SAC meeting with a NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) public hearing.

Matt Pickett replied that he did not see this as a NEPA public hearing, and he suggested that perhaps this could be the SAC hosting a meeting prior to any formal NEPA hearings to help explain the DEIS/DMP to the community and to tell people how to get involved.

Drew Mayerson then suggested that the reference to this as a “hearing” should be changed. Matt Pickett agreed.

Jeanette Webber offered a motion to accept this task (“SAC to host a public meeting on the DEIS/DMP”). Linda Krop seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

11B. Management Plan Revision Process: SAC Comments on the DEIS/DMP

Dianne Meester re-introduced this task request by referring Council members to the handout: “SAC to Comment to CINMS on the DEIS/DMP; Review and discuss Draft EIS and DMP at Working Group and SAC levels; Staff to provide summary information piece on management plan; SAC to make written recommendations to CINMS.”

Jon Clark said that he did not agree with this task, because he had never actually seen the SAC make significant recommendations that are valuable to the site. He said that 11-to-9 votes aren’t helpful to the site, and that he had limited confidence in the SAC’s ability to reach consensus on the management plan. Jon said that he would feel uncomfortable with the SAC saying that they are going to deliver a group recommendation.

Drew Mayerson stated that his agency (Minerals Management Service) would already be commented on the CINMS Draft Management Plan, and not like others on the SAC would.

Bob Warner asked why the SAC should bother to host a meeting on the draft management plan if in fact (as Jon said) they wouldn’t be able to comment on it.

Jon Clark agreed with Bob Warner, saying that if the SAC were to host a meeting at which public comment is taken by the Council, he would not be comfortable because he feels the SAC would not be able to do anything with those comments.

Linda Krop asked Matt Pickett if it would be possible, and helpful, for the SAC to comment as a group on certain parts of the draft management plan. Matt Pickett said that it would be fine to do so, and it would be helpful.

Mike Murray explained how the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council had done something like this recently when commenting on a draft kelp management plan. Mike described how the SAC discussed, commented and voted on each separate regulatory or other management proposal contained in the plan, rather than try to reach one position on the entire plan.

Rebecca Roth stated that she did not have a problem with the SAC commenting on the draft plan, and she would be OK with the SAC commenting on separate portions of the plan.

Matt Pickett added that he felt the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council agency seats seem to be more comfortable voting on issues than the CINMS advisory council agency seats.

Matt Cahn suggested that the SAC serves as a conduit for public views. It is rare, he said, that the whole public will agree, but that is still a good thing.

Linda Krop asked if the SAC could receive a management plan process briefing in March. Matt Pickett said yes.

Drew Mayerson asked if there would be a way for the SAC to express opposing comments on some things.

Dianne Meester responded that, yes, the SAC could use the Council's protocol for expressing a minority opinion when SAC votes a passed with less than a super majority.

Dick Holt asked how far does the SAC input's really goes. He asked if it really matters what the SAC's advice is if the agency can decide what they want.

Matt Pickett responded that the Council should not underestimate the power of the SAC's voice.

Dianne Meester added that when Dan Basta (Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program) came out to visit the SAC last year, he assured the Council that their input is getting to him.

Dianne Meester recommended that people could comment on the management plan at the SAC Working Group level first, and then the Working Group chairs could bring those comments back to the SAC for deliberation. She suggested further that the SAC could try to provide as much input to CINMS as possible on various management plan program areas (research, education, cultural resources, etc.). She also suggested that the SAC should try not to let the more divisive issues (e.g. boundary options) keep them from commenting on other less divisive parts of the management plan.

Rebecca Roth said she would like to offer Dianne's suggestions as a motion. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

In the interest of time, the Council agreed with Dianne Meester that the remaining task request topics (management plan performance measures, FEIS/FMP release, water quality, and other "medium" priority issues) would be discussed and decided upon by the SAC at their next meeting (March 15).

12. MARINE RESERVES PROCESS UPDATE

Sean Hastings, CINMS Resource Protection Specialist, reported that Sanctuary staff have been regularly attending meetings of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC). At the last PFMC meeting, Sean explained, Sanctuary staff were discussing marine reserves and how they would be implemented in federal waters of the Sanctuary. Sean reported that staff have been working with the PFMC on this for some time now, and that CINMS has stated its intent to promulgate regulations for reserves in federal waters under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. Following the state's action, Sean said, the Sanctuary would then be asking the PFMC for their assistance in drafting the appropriate regulations. Time-wise, Sean explained, the state's action would then kick-off the federal process. Sean also said that it will be hard to know how long the federal process would take. Sean explained that the reasoning behind using the National Marine Sanctuaries Act is because of its broader mandate. Sean added that the PFMC may or may not take action under the Magnusen-Steven Fishery Conservation Act, and that they are still deciding if they would need or want to do that.

Sean also reported that Sanctuary staff have continued to provide technical and drafting assistance to the state with the CEQA-like document to support a decision on marine reserves at the Channel Islands. He added that the state expects to release this document this Spring.

Bob. To what extent has the conversations involved other agencies that might have a role to play with regulations in federal waters of reserves, such as USFWS.

Sean. There's been no indication from USFWS that they intend to act. We have been consulting primarily with PFMC. They and their General Counsel have been working on this, and they have some questions to work out. At a min. they will be involved in commenting on the state process.

Drew Mayerson asked for clarification on what it is that could happen by January of 2003.

Sean Hastings responded that it's a conceivable date by which a state waters action could become law. He explained that a first phase is the state's decision and action, and a second administrative phase is the process for establishing marine reserves in federal waters of the CINMS.

Harry Liquornik asked if, in the federal process, the Sanctuary use the same set of alternatives as the state.

Sean Hastings replied that it was uncertain at this point.

Harry Liquornik asked what the Sanctuary would be likely to do if the state decided to exclude from their range of reserve alternatives the largest alternative currently being considered.

Matt Pickett responded that he felt the Sanctuary might be inclined to include it in order to remain consistent with the community process that developed the range of alternatives.

Mark Helvey asked about what was being done to the CINMS Designation Document.

Sean Hastings explained that the management plan revision process will require that the CINMS designation document be updated, and so would marine zoning.

Greg Helms asked if the PFMC must make a decision on if they should act on establishing Channel Islands marine reserves based on whether or not certain Fishery Management Plans would need to be updated.

Mark Helvey replied that would be the case, except not for fisheries that the PFMC does not manage, which they could not put it in one of their FMPs.

Sean Hastings added that this PFMC limitation is part of the reason why the National Marine Sanctuary Program has decided that the National Marine Sanctuaries Act is the proper tool to be used for the designation in federal waters of the CINMS.

Harry Liquornik asked which MRWG-generated map was now being referred to in the state process as the “34%” map.

Sean Hastings responded that it is the MRWG’s “Map B” adjusted slightly to be exactly 34% of the CINMS in size, because the Fish and Game Commissioners specifically requested that the option be of that size.

Harry Liquornik suggested that it would seem appropriate to describe this map as a “modified MRWG product.”

Matt Pickett asked Harry who he was addressing that request to, noting that it wasn’t CINMS staff or the SAC that was trying to get Fish and Game Commission to change their options to accept any specific map.

John Ugoretz, Senior Biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game, responded to Harry that he could adjust the wording of the state’s regulatory Notice of Intent to refer to the 34% map as a MRWG map that was modified.

Greg Helms explained that his understanding of the Fish and Game Commission deliberations on this was that it was discovered that one of the MRWG-generated maps, which was something of a combination of maps “B” and “C,” did in fact add up to 34% of the Sanctuary in size, and that this was the map included in the range of options. He said he wanted to point this out just so that no-one thought any staff actually modified the MRWG maps.

Reporting in more detail, John Ugoretz then summarized the state process currently underway to consider marine reserve designations in state waters of the CINMS. John announced that an Initial Statement of Reasons has been produced, containing a total of eight options for the Channel Islands, and it will be released very soon, triggering a minimum 45-day public comment period. John explained that the spatial options range in size from 12% to 34% of the total CINMS area. John explained that any of the alternatives could be chosen by the Fish and Game

Commissioners. If they want something else, John said, DFG will need to back up and to go to Notice again.

John Ugoretz also explained that a decision by the Fish and Game Commission is no longer likely to take place by April 2002, because the PFMC may need more time to submit their comments. John said that it is possible a decision could take place at the August 2nd meeting of the Fish and Game Commission in San Luis Obispo.

John Ugoretz also said that the draft CEQA document will be extensive, probably on the order of 500 pages.

Linda Krop commented that it sounds like the CEQA timeline is being modified to accommodate the PFMC's need for more time to comment. She asked why they couldn't comment on this at their March meeting.

John Ugoretz said that DFG staff that sit on the PFMC (LB Boydston) have said they think it is unlikely the PFMC could comment that soon. As it is, John said, he's being told that the schedule to get it PFMC comments in by April is really pushing it.

Greg Helms asked if it seemed fair to say that PFMC doesn't know yet what their role is, but they do know that they need more time than the public to comment on this.

John Ugoretz said that a recent PFMC letter sent to the FGC reflected a concern by the PFMC that the state's action will basically lock them in with regard to options in adjoining federal waters. It is because of that, John said, that the PFMC would like to make sure they have an opportunity to comment on this before a state action is taken.

Rebecca Roth asked what happens if the FGC commission chooses to adopt an alternative other than the agency preferred option, and wanted to know if this would mean DFG has to go back to notice.

John Ugoretz replied, saying that the FGC could adopt any of the existing options without backing the process up.

John Ugoretz added that he is trying to get everything that's coming out on the DFG web site, and that he will try to have CDs made.

Chris Miller asked John Ugoretz when the DFG Notice of Intent will go out.

John Ugoretz responded that a final draft is on the DFG Directors desk now awaiting approval, and so it should be very soon.

Harry Liquornik said that, in all fairness to the MRWG's range of goals for marine reserves, he did not feel like any of the reserve options now being considered by the Fish and Game Commission (FGC) reflected the socio-economic goal (which talks about minimizing short term economic impacts).

Harry said that he would like to request that the SAC write a letter to the FGC to request that they consider an option that reflects minimization of socio-econ impacts. Harry added that because the SAC had already written a letter to the FGC emphasizing the importance of the Science Panel's findings, the SAC should now feel obligated to request an emphasis on the Socio-Economic goals.

John Ugoretz explained that if, at this point, the FGC decided that they want to consider another map, then the process would go back to the notice stage. Also, John said, this would mean the socio-economic analysis, mapping, and other work would have to be revised, and it would take a lot more time to prepare. He added that the DFG is proceeding very carefully with this process, because no-one wants to get hung up legally on process issues.

Matt Pickett asked Harry Liquornik which map he was asking to be considered, and if a modification of the map introduced by Chris Miller (and accepted by the FGC) was possible to meet his concern. Matt asked if this was a new map that has not been seen yet that Harry was asking the SAC to write a letter of support for.

Harry Liquornik replied that, technically, this would be a new map, and that he would want to see the existing alternative ("Chris Miller map") to stay in the range as is.

Harry Liquornik then offered a motion to ask that the SAC write a letter to the Fish and Game Commission requesting consideration of an additional marine reserves option that reflects the MRWG-adopted goal to minimize (and equalize) socio-economic impacts. The motion was seconded by Mark Helvey. Discussion on the motion followed.

Linda Krop commented that the SAC had considered this before and had decided that they could not agree on any specific map. She said that when the SAC found out that there was a range of reserves being considered by the FGC that was going to fall short of the SAC's Science Panel advice on this, they SAC felt inclined to comment. In commenting, however, the SAC did not ask the FGC to add any specific map to their range of options, but rather that they consider a range of options that included something within the Science Panel's advice (30-50%). Linda added that she did not think the SAC would even be able to reach agreement on a specific map. If she would have thought that was what we were doing, she said, then she would be inclined to ask for endorsement of a 50% map, because that what the conservation community wanted.

Bob Warner asked Harry if his intent was to equalize and minimize economic impacts, to which Harry said yes. Bob then said that the no action option, which is on the table, would seem to satisfy that criteria.

Harry Liquornik commented that the intent is to give the FGC a broad range of reserve options to choose from. Harry said that the preferred alternative seems to have set the bar so that it's OK

for a specific fishery to take a 22% impact. Harry added that there are actually NOAA reports which suggest that any more than 5% impact is significant. He asked the Council to consider this, and remember that the commercial fishermen had settled here 10% as an acceptable level of economic impact.

Chris Miller said that the idea here is to set the scope of options so that it represents the broadest interest of the community. This kind of option, Chris said, is in line with what constituents asked for in the MRWG process.

Harry Liquornik asked that the full last paragraph of the SAC's October 2001 letter to the FGC be considered by the Council. Dianne Meester read the paragraph as follows: "The SAC was committed to delivering the FGC a comprehensive community based process, and we will remain committed through the designation process and eventual implementation of Marine Protected Areas in the Sanctuary."

A SAC vote was then called for on the motion, and produced the following results:

Yes: 4 (Helvey, Liquornik, Mayerson, Duncan)
No: 12 (Cahn, deWet-Oleson, Gross, Setnicka, Meester, Clark, Stone, Hanrahan, Webber, Krop, Warner, Roth)
Abstain: 2 (Brye, Rentz)

13. FUTURE SAC MEETINGS and AGENDA TOPICS

The SAC's future meeting schedule was confirmed as follows:

- Friday, March 15, Ventura
- Wednesday, May 8
- Friday, July 12
- Friday, September 13
- Wednesday, November 13

Tim Setnicka, Superintendent of the Channel Islands National Park, offered the Park's Visitor Center Auditorium as a venue that the SAC could use for their March 15th meeting.

The SAC's Education Working Group will meet next on Wednesday, January 30th, from 2-4pm at the Channel Islands National Park headquarters office. SAC representatives and the public are welcome to attend.

Dianne Meester asked for suggestions on agenda topics for the March 15th SAC meeting. Responses included the following:

- Resume and complete setting of the SAC's annual plan
- Receive a presentation on the federal process for completion of the management plan
- Receive recommendations from the SAC ad hoc groups on marine reserve biological monitoring, marine reserve socio-economic monitoring, and marine reserves enforcement

- Discussion of an administrative procedural suggestion offered by Harry Liquornik, requesting that copies of draft SAC letters be sent to the SAC via e-mail for review and comment before being mailed

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by
Michael R. Murray
Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary*

ATTACHMENT 1

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY Sanctuary Advisory Council

Summary Record of Council Decisions (1998-2001) (including motions passed and decisions made)

Formation of Working Groups:

- SAC agreement that the Marine Educators Regional Alliance (MERA) should serve as the SAC's informal Education Working Group (March 1999)
- Council decision to Create a Working Group on Marine Reserves (March 1999)
- SAC decision to create a "Marine Reserve Science Working Group" and a SAC selection subcommittee to assist with appointments (March 1999)
- SAC decision to create Fishing Working Group and Conservation Working Group (May 1999)
- Council agreement on initial membership of the Marine Reserve Science Panel, including Co-Chairs (May 1999)
- SAC agreement on initial membership of the Marine Reserves Working Group (May 1999)
- Council decision to create a Military Working Group (October 1999)
- SAC decision to add Bob Fletcher to the Marine Reserves Working Group to represent "marina/business" interests, and Michael McGinnis (replacing Rob Wilder) to represent "conservation" interests (October 1999)
- Council agreement that a "Socio-Economic Study Team" will be organized to support the work of the MRWG, but not as an official sub-group of the SAC (October 1999)
- SAC decision to *not* form a Management Plan Subcommittee to take the lead for the SAC on the management plan revision process (Nov. 1999)
- Council decision to create a Ports and Harbors Working Group (March 2000)
- SAC approval of appointment of Shawn Kelly to the MRWG, to replace Alicia Stratton (Feb. 2001)
- SAC decision to form a new Education Working Group with a task focus of developing educational strategies for marine reserves (Oct. 2001)
- SAC decision to allow the Fishing seat to have a second alternate position (Oct. 2001).

Management Plan:

- SAC decision to give top focus at SAC meetings to the Management Plan Revision Process, and to schedule additional meetings if necessary (Nov. 1999)
- SAC agreement with the boundaries of a management plan study area recommended by Michael McGinnis and endorsed by CINMS (Nov. 1999)
- SAC advice that public forums and/or additional presentations to the SAC should be used to further explore select management plan scoping issues: Boundary redefinition, water quality, military activities, research and education, status of sanctuary resources, oil and gas development (Jan. 2000)

- SAC approval of a range of six boundary concepts, with the understanding that they will be modified again before release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (May 2000)
- SAC recommends by vote (11-6-1) that CINMS include Boundary Concept 1 (the largest option) in the DEIS (Aug. 2000)
- SAC recommends by vote (11-0-5) to CINMS that Boundary Concepts 2 and 5A be considered as potentially preferred alternatives in the DEIS (Aug. 2000)
- SAC approves (16-0-0) sending a letter to the Director of the National Marine Sanctuary Program expressing appreciation that the management plan process is being conducted in such an inclusive manner (Aug. 2000)

Marine Reserves:

- SAC approves letter of encouragement to the MRWG (March 2000)
- SAC approves letter of encouragement and thanks to be sent to the MRWG, Science Panel and Socio-Economic Team (Nov. 2000)
- SAC votes 17-1-1 to on the following with regard to transmitting advice to CINMS on marine reserves at the CINMS:
 - 1. Formally transmit the full public record of the MRWG and the SAC regarding the development of reserves in the CINMS to the Sanctuary Manager;**
 - 2. Charge the Sanctuary Manager and California Department of Fish and Game staff to craft a final recommendation consistent with the MRWG's consensus agreements for delivery to the Fish and Game Commission in August, 2001;**
 - 3. Request that the Sanctuary Manager and Department of Fish and Game work with the community to the maximum extent feasible in crafting this recommendation (June 2001)**
- SAC votes 18-0-0 to adopt the following statement about the Marine Reserves Working Group Process:

“The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) commends the CINMS staff, Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and all participants of the Marine Reserves Working Group (MRWG), and Science and Socio-Economic Panels on their efforts over the past two years. The SAC finds that the MRWG, in seeking consensus on marine reserves, developed scientific and socio-economic data that should be used and built upon in future consideration of such issues. The SAC finds that the MRWG process was open, inclusive and community based.” (June 2001)
- Council votes 18-0 to send a letter to the California Fish and Game Commission, the Director of the Department of Fish and Game, NOAA and the Department of Commerce communicating the SAC's recommendations regarding the Marine Reserves Working Group findings and process (June 2001)
- SAC vote (11-2-5) to send a letter to the Fish and Game Commission requesting that they consider a range of alternatives based on the range of options considered through the MRWG and SAC process, including the Science Panel recommendation, and suggesting that the range of options should reflect the community process and dialogue to be legally defensible. The letter is also to identify the dissenting seats on the SAC (October 2001)

CINMS Vessel:

- SAC approves writing a letter to the Director of the National Marine Sanctuary Program stating how important it is that CINMS acquire a replacement research vessel (Nov. 2000)
- SAC approves writing a letter to the Santa Barbara Waterfront Department, Harbor Commission and City Council requesting that CINMS be given a vessel slip for their new boat under the same terms as was provided for the *R/V Ballena* (March 2001)

Other:

- Council agrees to send as a gift to the three schools of the CINMS-bound teachers and students lost on September 11 some of Kathy deWet-Oleson's framed photography of the Channel Islands. (Oct. 2001)

Administrative Decisions:

- SAC Meeting minutes will be taped (Feb. 1998)
- First election of SAC officers: Craig Fusaro, Chair; Dianne Meester, Vice Chair; Holly Lohuis, Secretary (Feb. 1999)
- First decision to keep the representation of seats on the Council as is (May 1999)
- Adoption of final meeting minutes (Dec. 1998 through June 2001)
- Approval of SAC letterhead (July 1999)
- Election of Lyn Krieger as SAC Secretary (Oct. 1999)
- Voted to open SAC e-mail list to non-members (Oct. 1999)
- Election of SAC Vice-Chair, Dianne Meester (Nov. 1999)
- Decision that SAC member announcements to be made a standing agenda item (Jan. 2000)
- Second decision to keep the representation of seats on the Council as is (April 2000)
- Decision that the Council's Executive Committee serve as a standing review body for SAC applications, and accept comments on applications from other Council representatives (May 2000)
- SAC decision that Public At-Large alternates may fill in for absent Public At-Large members other than for the seat they are specifically assigned, provided the absent member's alternate is not also present, and subject to prior arrangements made by the absent member to resolve any possible conflicts whereby two available alternates might seek to fill the empty seat (Sept. 2000)
- Council election of Dianne Meester as SAC Chair and Jon Clark as Vice Chair (Nov. 2000)
- SAC agreement on general decision-making approach to be used for significant Council deliberations (Jan. 2001 retreat)
- SAC recommendation to change the "US Navy" seat to "US Department of Defense" to open the seat up to representation by Vandenberg Air Force Base (March 2001)
- SAC decision that beginning in the Fall of 2001, meetings should be shorted to an 8:30 am to 2:30 pm schedule whenever possible (March 2001)

**ATTACHMENT 2: Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
Draft Requests for Sanctuary Advisory Council Assistance in 2002**

CINMS TASK	CINMS Est. Due Date	Possible SAC Contribution	Possible SAC Approach (Working Group, Subcommittee, Workshop, other)	Suggested SAC Due Date
HIGH PRIORITY for SAC ASSISTANCE in 2002				
<u>MARINE RESERVES</u>				
Marine reserves education plan development	Action plan drafted by end of 2002	SAC to recommend to CINMS and partners a suite of strategies, specific actions and draft products for marine reserves education	Education Working Group to take the lead; respond to MRWG recommendations; participate in Workshop on MPA Management; SAC to advise CINMS with written product.	September 13: Deliver draft plan and products to CINMS
Marine reserve biological monitoring program development	Action plan drafted by end of 2002	Recommend to CINMS and partners specific strategies and actions for implementing a marine reserve biological monitoring program	SAC to form a Working Group or task force to assist in developing a framework for a biological monitoring program that responds to MRWG implementation recommendations; participate in Workshop on MPA Management (see below); SAC to advise CINMS with written product.	Nov. 13: Deliver draft plan to CINMS
Marine reserves socio-economic monitoring program development	Action plan drafted by end of 2002	Recommend to CINMS and partners specific strategies and actions for implementing a marine reserve socio-economic monitoring program	SAC to form a Working Group or task force to take the lead on recommending the framework for a socio-economic monitoring program that responds to MRWG implementation recommendations; participate in Workshop on MPA Management (see below); SAC to advise CINMS with written product.	Nov. 13: Deliver draft plan to CINMS
Marine Reserves Enforcement Program development	Action plan drafted by end of 2002	Recommend to CINMS and partners specific strategies and actions for implementing a marine reserves enforcement program	Agency seats and other interested SAC members form subcommittee or Working Group to respond to MRWG enforcement implementation recommendations.	Nov. 13: Deliver draft plan to CINMS
Host and Sponsor a CINMS Marine Reserve Management Workshop (monitoring, enforcement, education, etc.)	September 2002	Co-sponsor event with CINMS; Develop and refine marine reserve management recommendations from Workshop outcomes	Form planning subcommittee to help with organizing the event; SAC members and Working Groups to attend and participate;	March 15: Event planning recommendations; September: Co-host event

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<u>MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE</u>				
Public Release of Draft EIS and Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP)	April-May 2002	Host a Public Hearing on the DEIS/DMP	Combine Hearing with SAC meeting	May 8 SAC meeting, or later if necessary
Comments on DEIS/DMP (during 45-60 day comment period)	May-June 2002	Comment to CINMS on DEIS/DMP	Review and discuss Draft EIS and DMP at Working Group and SAC level; Staff to provide summary information piece on management plan; SAC to make written recommendations to CINMS	July 12 SAC meeting, unless comments are due earlier
Refining performance indicators for management plan objectives	Early 2003	Development of qualitative performance indicators for Sanctuary action plans; develop a model approach for measuring resource management effectiveness	After release of DMP, create a Working Group or SAC subcommittee to take the lead; work closely with CINMS staff and NMSP headquarters; make written recommendations to CINMS	Draft recommendations: September 2002; Final recommendations: Jan. 2003 or possibly earlier
Public Release of Final EIS and Final Management Plan (FEIS/FMP)	Fall 2002	Raise awareness and understanding of new plan among various constituencies	Convene working groups; develop presentations for SAC members, communicate with constituencies, recommend and assist with additional outreach strategies	Fall through Winter 2002
<u>WATER QUALITY</u>				
Develop recommendations for addressing water quality threats to Sanctuary resources	Early 2003	(1) Compile and synthesize information on water quality threats (island, channel, coastal, watershed) and jurisdictional responsibilities as it pertains to Sanctuary water quality issues; (2) Recommend strategies, priority actions and programs for managing water quality impacts on Sanctuary resources	Consider formation of a working group or task force, or SAC representation on local water quality groups; Work with staff and consult with regional and local water quality management experts; develop and present to CINMS recommended Sanctuary strategies and actions in the form of a plan framework.	March, May & July: hear from experts; September: present draft recommendations for plan framework; January 2003 or beyond: present final recommendations.

